

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2018
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2001-0005
Oakwood Cemetery
1601 Navasota Street

PROPOSAL

Construct a new informational kiosk at the chapel.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the installation of a new informational kiosk to replace the old kiosk that was taken down during the renovation of the chapel. The proposed kiosk will be in a new location to the east of the chapel so that it does not block any part of the chapel façade. The kiosk will have structural steel poles with a metal roof and a double-sided satin aluminum cabinet.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommended that the applicant move the kiosk away from the front of the chapel, (which the applicant has complied with), and use metal posts painted a dark color instead of stone as a base; minimize the visual presence of the kiosk so it does not interfere with the chapel. The photograph of the kiosk in the applicant's presentation is at Mount Bonnell for illustration purposes only; the Oakwood kiosk will not have a masonry base.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed in accordance with the Committee's recommendations.